of inspection carried out under section 209-A of the Companies Act, 1956 in respect of Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Private Limited has been received on 26. 2. 1987 by the' Central Board of Excise Customs from the Department of Company Affairs. The report is being examine, } for appropriate action.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nationalisation of Pedrless General Finance and Investment Company

1905. SHIM RAM AWADHESH SINGH; SHRI TALARI MANOHAR;

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER 'be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Karamchari Samitfr cf Peerless General Finance and Investment Company have urged for nationalisation of the Company or its merger; and

(b; it so, what is Government response to this proposal keeping in view interest of wide range of customers stock with Peerless?

THE MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OFFINANCE (SHRI ' JANARDHANPOOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have no proposal under consideration to nationalise the Peerless General Finance and Investment' Company Limited, Calcutta or to merge it with any other organisation. However, 'Reserve Bank of India has been asked to initiate such measures as are considered necessary in the light of the Supreme Court judgement to regulate the activities of the Company with a view to protecting the inter ats of the depositors of the Company.

Supersession of IAS Officers

1906. SHRI F. M. KHAN; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that in promoting two I. A. S. officers of 1957 batch working as Additional Secretaries in tlie Prime Minister's Office, about a hundred officers belonging to the earlier batches of I. A. S. and some of the 1957 batch have been superseded; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE "MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, -PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDA-MBARAM): (a) and (b) The post of Secretary to Government of India is a senior post. Not all officers are appointed as Secretary to Govern-ment of India. The appointments to senior, posts under the Government filled under the senior staffing scheme are normally made from amongst eligible officers belonging to All India and Central Services, keeping in view the job requirements of each post and the qualifications and experience of the officers in the field of choice.

Commercial Banks functioning: inKarnataka

1907. SHRI F. M. KHAN; WiM the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the' commercial banks which are functioning in Karnataka at present;

(b) the number of them that are running of profit/loss; and what are the reasons of their loss; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of those commercial banks?